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STRATEGY)

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1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE ON DRAFTING POINTS IN SECTION III.

REFERENCES ARE TO PARA NUMBERS IN INTERNATIONAL STAFF S
DRAFT.

2. PARA 1: INCLUSION OF WORD "SAY" IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. PARA 3: ADDITION OF "IN DETAIL" IS ACCEPTABLE.

4. PARA 6: WORD "SAY" IS ACCEPTABLE.

5. PARA 6: FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD READ "...EXPLORATION
OF ATTITUDES, PRESENTATION OF THE ALLIED FRAMEWORK PRO-
POSAL, AND PRE-REDUCTION CONSTRAINTS." PRE-REDUCTION
CONSTRAINTS ARE INTENDED TO BE PART OF INITIAL STAGE,
BUT THIS THOUGHT HAS BEEN OBSCURED BY THE ADDITION OF
MATERIAL TO THE PARAGRAPH. YOU SHOULD PROPOSE A NEW
SECOND SENTENCE WHICH WOULD READ: "THE ALLIANCE SHOULD
RETAIN FLEXIBILITY ON THE TEMPO OF THESE PRESENTATIONS,
DEPENDING ON WHAT THE EAST MIGHT PUT FORWARD." NEW
CANADIAN SENTENCE IS ACCEPTABLE.

6. PARA 13: RE TURKISH BRACKETS: THESE ARE UNAC-
CEPTABLE; IT IS ILLOGICAL TO BRACKET AGREED ALLIED RE-
DUCTION OBJECTIVE BECAUSE OF CONCERNS WHICH HAVE TO
DO WITH MODALITIES OF WITHDRAWAL.

7. PARA 13: RE UK BRACKETS: MISSION SHOULD HOLD TO ITS
ORIGINAL GUIDANCE AND SEEK REMOVAL OF BRACKETS FROM
DESCRIPTION OF FIRST PHASE REDUCTION OBJECTIVE AND DE-
LETION OF BRITISH INSERTIONS. MISSION SHOULD POINT TO
OUR PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PARA 17 IN SECTION II. WE BELIEVE
THAT THIS PROPOSAL GOES FAR TO MEET UK CONCERNS. IN
ADDITION, THE MISSION SHOULD NOTE THAT IT MAY WELL PROVE
IMPRACTICAL FOR THE ALLIES TO PUT FORWARD THE IDEA OF A
COMMON CEILING AND NOT ENCOUNTER PERSISTENT INQUIRIES
FROM THE EAST, WESTERN PRESS AND PARLIAMENTS AS TO WHAT
IN FACT WAS MEANT IN SPECIFIC TERMS. ON THE POINT OF
INCLUDING REFERENCES TO ELEMENTS OTHER THAN MANPOWER TO BE
SOUGHT IN PHASE II, MISSION SHOULD OPPOSE ON THE GROUNDS
THAT THE IMMEDIATE TACTICAL OBJECTIVE WOULD BE AGREEMENT
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ONLY ON A GENERAL CONCEPT AND SUCH FURTHER DEFINITION OF
PHASE II WOULD BE PREMATURE.

8. PARA 15: WE BELIEVE THAT THE GERMAN CONCERN WILL
LARGELY HAVE BEEN MET BY THE LANGUAGE WE ARE PROPOSING
FOR SECTION II. IN THIS LIGHT FINAL SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH
COULD READ, "...WHOLE REDUCTION PROGRAM INCLUDING THE
COMMON CEILING."

9. WITH RESPECT TO ITALIAN BRACKETS ON PARAS 16 AND 18,
WE HOPE MISSION WILL BE ABLE TO PERSUADE ITALIAN REP TO
WITHDRAW THEM.
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